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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
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February 18, 2004

Re: Application of OTSUKA, Takao, KAGAWA, Sakae, AOKI, Rie
METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATICALLY PACKAGING
ENCASED PRODUCT
Assignee: FUJI PHOTO FILM CO., LTD.
Our Ref: Q79875

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 10/006,121 (Confirmation No. 1711) filed December 10, 2001 of OTSUKA, Takao, KAGAWA, Sakae, AOKI, Rie entitled METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATICALLY PACKAGING ENCASED PRODUCT.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 15 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 3721.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a divisional of Application No. 10/006,121 filed December 10, 2001; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2000-377589	December 12, 2000

The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 10/006,121.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	9	-	20	=	x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
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A check for the statutory fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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